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brought to me similar kinds of things, that is an issue that the Revenue Committee will bring back to you in some future year. I think that we can do a better job of providing information. The other...the provisions that were in the green copy of the bill as they relate to municipalities will be unchanged by the committee amendment. As I've indicated, they...there was some slight increase in aid for municipalities, that was about \$500 that would have been called for in the bill, that will be taken out in the amendment that I've filed individually because of fiscal concerns. But the primary change in the Aid to Municipalities Fund is that the excess above the equalization fund distribution that is currently made is a change, so that that no longer goes through the MIREF fund, but goes out on a per capita basis. Now MIREF dollars were always distributed per capita, but they're restricted funds, that is restricted in terms of their use. We don't change the per capita distribution, we just change the way in which they're allocated so they don't go through the MIREF fund and don't come through to the municipalities with the MIREF strings attached to them. Now the committee amendment or the bill as it related to NRDs, I would be happy to discuss that with you, if you have questions. But the committee amendments completely remove that provision. Likewise, they remove the provisions for any increased aid. There is one provision that would be left after the committee amendments that is pertinent to NRDs, and that is a kind of a gross up function that would allow them to increase their budget capacity for any fertilizer fee dollars that they lost, that is a comparison of fertilizer fee dollars with the previous year. If they had less fertilizer fee dollars, in the next fiscal year they could replace those dollars from other sources in their budget. They wouldn't lose budget capacity. But otherwise, the provisions that dealt with NRDs in LB 1138 are going to be out. I'd be happy to discuss those with you, if you want but, since the committee amendments take them out, I don't know that it's worthwhile to discuss them. The provisions that concern the counties, the green copy of the bill integrated three different distribution pools for counties. There was one that was really the old Property Tax Relief Fund that was created when we removed various items of personal property from the tax rolls in the late sixties, early seventies. That pool over time has been cut back for a variety of reasons. One time we cut it back because of budgetary concerns, one time we cut it back because